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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a long time home owner, IT manager and consumer of internet services in the U.S. I have shopped for and used ISPs in three states. In two of the three locations there was only one provider available. More recently the cable giant has been able to compete with the big telecom company to at least provide some small measure of competition and choice. I am writing to ask you to please reject the petition by the US Telecom Association to remove line sharing requirements for the copper infrastructure in this country.

Instead, I would urge you to consider ways to instead, encourage investment by the government and private industry to install fiber optic cable to the homes in America. This would serve to increase competition rather than limit it and ought to help keep prices affordable for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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